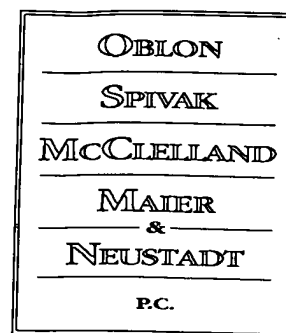




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/926,217
Applicants: Kaoru INDOH, et al.
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Responsive to the Official Action dated July 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 3 as in the attached marked-up copy to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for preparing a light colored seasoning liquid, comprising forming a Koji-making material comprising a raw material mixture comprising (a) a first component comprising 0-40% soybeans and (b) a second component comprising 60-100% gluten and wheat, wherein the gluten is present in an amount of 25-100%, the wheat is present in an amount 0-75% relative to the total of the gluten-containing second component, the percentages being on a dry weight basis, adding 7-22% salt water to said koji making

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